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Choral Directors

Doris Sjolund is founding director of the Rogue Valley Children's Chorus. Mrs. Sjolund received her music education degree from the University of Northern Iowa and her graduate degree from the University of Oregon with work in the German Center for music education. She has served as a choral adjudicator, clinician, and festival director in Louisiana, Illinois, and Oregon and as past secretary-treasurer of the Oregon Music Educators Association. She is a member of the Rogue Valley Chorale and music specialist for the Britt pre-school music program.

Gerry Flock is the director of the Rogue Valley Discovery Chorus. Mr. Flock has 20 years of music education experience, received his music education degree from Columbia Christian College and his graduate degree from the University of Oregon. He is past president of the Rogue Valley Chorale Board and currently sings with the Rogue Valley Chorale, teaches music at Roosevelt Elementary School and Ruch Elementary School and serves as worship leader at West Main Church of Christ, Medford, Oregon.

Pam Nordquist is founding director of the Rogue Valley Youth Chorale. She received her undergraduate degree from Wichita State and her graduate degree in choral conducting from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music where she studied with Eph Ehly. Mrs. Nordquist is a member of the Rogue Valley Chorale and serves as co-director of the First United Methodist Church choir in Medford, Oregon.

** An important part of our program includes the assistance of qualified adults, in addition to the directors.

Concerts

The *Rogue Valley Youth Choruses* present two major performances at the Craterian Ginger Rogers Theatre and the Rogue Valley Manor Auditorium.

Touring

The *Discovery Chorus* and *Children's Chorus* tour area schools in the fall and spring. The *Children's Chorus* often tours to Eugene for the *Oregon Children's Chorus Festival* at the Hult Center.

Auditions

2003 Auditions are 9/9 or 9/11 between 4:15 and 5:45 at South High School for interested 4th - 8th grade singers.

Rehearsals

Discovery Chorus: Tuesday, 4:15-5:45 PM
Children's Chorus: Tuesday, 4:15-5:45 PM
Youth Chorale: Thursday, 7:00-8:30 PM

Rehearsals are held at the South Medford High School music facility.

Costs

Tuition rates are \$75 per session (two sessions per year) or \$130 per year. Discounts are given for siblings. Costs of uniforms are the responsibility of each chorus member. Scholarships based on financial need are available.

Rogue Valley Youth Choruses

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*"Love your neighbors near and far,
Sing of God's love, too.
The happiness that this love brings,
Returns it all to you."*

◆ Youth Chorale
◆ Children's Chorus
◇ Discovery Chorus

Reaching young singers...

The *Rogue Valley Youth Choruses* provide opportunities for talented young singers of Southern Oregon to participate in a choral organization of the highest quality. Now in its twenty-first season, the *Rogue Valley Youth Choruses* have approximately 150 boys and girls in three choruses:

- *Discovery Chorus* – ages 9-11
- *Children's Chorus* – ages 11-14
- *Youth Chorale* – ages 14-18

Repertoire is selected to fit each choir's skill level and varies widely from established classical works to art songs, folk songs, spirituals, jazz, and contemporary arrangements.



Reaching our community...

The *Rogue Valley Children's Chorus* was founded in 1982 by its current director, Doris Sjolund. In 1985, the organization added a second chorus, the *Rogue Valley Discovery Chorus*. In 2002, the *Rogue Valley Youth Chorale* debuted. Auditioned singers come from approximately 25 schools, as well as home schools, in the Rogue Valley and perform regularly each December and May at the Craterian Ginger Rogers Theatre in Medford, Oregon. Throughout the years, the *Rogue Valley Children's Choruses* have performed with major music ensembles such as the *Rogue Valley Chorale* and the Britt Music Festival in Jacksonville, Oregon. The *Children's Chorus* is a regular part of the *Pear Blossom Parade* each spring in Medford, Oregon. Our singers have established a special relationship with the Rogue Valley Manor and perform in the Manor Auditorium each season.



Reaching beyond our community...

The *Rogue Valley Children's Chorus* has performed at the *Oregon Children's Choir Festival*, the Oregon Music Educators state conference, the Northwest Music Educators conference, the regional American Guild of Organists convention, and the Northwest American Choral Directors conference. The *Discovery Chorus* and *Children's Chorus* have appeared with nationally-known children's entertainers, Red Grammer and Joani Bartels.

